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September 20, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF  
TRAFFIC SAFETY  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant funds from the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for the period October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007 in the amount of \$1,200,000.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to execute the OTS Grant Agreement with the State for the period October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007, and to accept additions to or reductions in OTS funding, up to 25% of the grant award.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This grant will allow our County to continue to provide OTS Program services across all areas of the County currently served by the County's original OTS grant awarded by the State in 2001. The County's new OTS grant would not serve the Cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which were awarded their own OTS grants for this purpose.

The County's OTS grant would continue to fund a variety of "Pedestrian and Child Passenger/Occupant Safety Program" activities designed to reduce the incidence of vehicular and pedestrian accidents in low-income areas. A major element of this component of the OTS grant is the purchase and distribution of child car seats to low-income families. In addition, the OTS grant will fund the "Teenage Drinking and Driving Deterrent Program", which is a new grant component aimed at reducing the incidents of teenage drinking and driving through outreach and education in local high schools.

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On December 11, 2001, your Board originally accepted and approved State OTS grant funds to establish the County's Traffic Safety Program under a three-year contract with the State. On June 29, 2004, your Board approved a 15-month extension of the County's original OTS contract with the State.

I plan to return to your Board for approval of contracts with providers selected through the solicitation process.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Traffic Safety Program directly supports the following Countywide Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 1 - Provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive; Goal 3 - Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-oriented; and Goal 5 - Improve the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County as measured by the achievements in two of the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health and safety and survival.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Traffic Safety Program will be funded exclusively with State OTS grant funds totaling \$1,200,000. There will be no Net County Cost (NCC) impact.

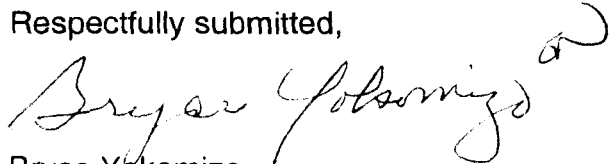
#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions enables the Department to continue implementation of the Traffic Safety Program with services targeted to low-income residents in Los Angeles County.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board Letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryce Yokomizo  
Director

- c:     Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
         Chief Administrative Officer  
         County Counsel  
         Auditor-Controller  
         Community Action Board